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Royal Visitor . . .



Daily Photo by Peter Rehak

The Princess Royal is seen inspecting James McGill's Regiment of the Grenadier Guards. The inspection took place early yesterday afternoon in front of the Arts Building just above McGill's tomb.

Dances Head The Weekend

The Western-McGill week-end officially starts to-night with a giant pep rally to be held in the upper field at 8:00 p.m.

Larry Sullivan, Redmen coach, will introduce his team and this will be a good chance to get acquainted with and to inspire our 'heroes'. A highlight of the evening should be the burning of an effigy, the nature of which is top-secret information.

To round off the evening, Mike Dodman and his Buckskin Boys will supply the music for square dancing and what-not.

Post-Game Celebrations
After tomorrow's game the first

of this year's Tea Dances will get rolling in the Union Ballroom. As in the past, dress is informal, stag and drag, the rule, and lots of fun the expectations.

ENGINEERS AT IT AGAIN

We are to sit in the lower part of Sect. U. Be there early so that we can get our cheering section organized.

WELL ? . . .

The Engineers are throwing down the glove to the rest of the university. How does the rest of the university respond ?

In the evening at the Currie Gym, the fun will continue at the first football dance of the season to the strains of music of Russ Meredith and his orchestra. Dance time is from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

ATTENTION DAILY STAFFERS

All prospective Daily staffers should come down to the Daily offices and check to see what day they are supposed to come down for the training program. The list has been posted on the door of the offices downstairs in the Union.

250 RECEIVE DEGREES AT FALL CONVOCATION

About 1,500 parents, friends, students and interested Montrealers crowded into the Currie Gym to this year's Founder's Day Convocation.

The highlight of the ceremony was the granting of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal. Her Royal Highness was presented to the Chancellor by Principal F. Cyril James.

Four distinguished scholars also received Honorary Degrees. The Very Reverend George Campbell Pidgeon received the Degree of Doctor of Divinity. He is a former Moderator of the United Church of Canada. The Degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on James Bertram Gollip, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Western Ontario. Otto Maas, retiring Macdonald Professor of Chemistry and Everitt George Dunne Murray, retiring Professor of Bacteriology and Immunology at McGill.

250 students from all faculties also received degrees. They were presented by the Deans of their respective faculties.

The ceremony began with the colourful academic procession which proceeded up one of the center isles to the rostrum. After a short prayer led by Chaplain Knowles the assembly sang Hail,

Alma Mater. Dr. James welcomed the distinguished guests and the audience. In an address to the students he said, "good luck as you set out on the road and happy memories of your college days." The degrees were then presented.

The Princess Royal expressed her gratitude to McGill and commended the college on its world famous Medical School.

A Benediction and God Save The Queen closed the ceremony.

BARBARA WARD TO GIVE TALKS

Principal F. Cyril James has announced that Miss Barbara Ward, famous economist and author, will be the second lecturer in the Sir Edward Beatty Memorial series.

Miss Ward, who will be at the university from Oct. 24 until Nov. 10, will spend her time discussing some of the outstanding problems confronting this generation with the students and teaching staff, as well as delivering a series of lectures on the problems involved in the changing relationship between the North Atlantic world and the peoples of Asia and Africa, who are now emerging into nationhood.

The first in the series of Memorial Lectures was delivered by Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who dealt mainly with philosophy and religion in his study of East and West. Miss Ward's approach will be in terms of the practical problems of economic life, social organization, and cultural patterns which create contrasts between East and West. The general title of Miss Ward's lectures will be "East and West: Contrasts and Element of Collaboration." The talks are scheduled for Oct. 24, 27, and 31 in the Currie Gym.

Educated at Somerville College, Oxford University, Miss Ward has attained a world-wide reputation through many brilliant articles, pamphlets, and publications which she has written. Miss Ward's appearance at McGill is made possible by the endowment provided by Dr. H. A. Beatty of Toronto, a brother of the late Sir Edward Beatty, as a memorial to his work as Chancellor of McGill University.

ENGLISH DEPT. TO PRESENT "THE SEAGULL"

The Department of English has selected this year's program of plays. *The Seagull* by Chekhov will be performed in Moyse Hall on December 1, 2, and 3. The second production, to be presented in March, will be Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Castings for *The Seagull* will be held in Moyse Hall from one to three o'clock on Tuesday, Oct. 11, and Thursday, Oct. 13. Actors who are unable to come at either of these times may try out between 8 and 10 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Dramatic Production Workshop, located in the driveway between 3437 and 3450 McTavish Street.

All students, faculty members and staff are eligible for roles in these plays. Those people interested in other phases of production work are requested to contact director Stephen Porter at any of the readings.

As one purpose of these plays is to develop and train students in all aspects of theatre, the Department wishes to stress that previous experience is unnecessary.

Editorial

AN EXPECTED DECISION

The fraternities have been asked to approve a code of behaviour. The code, excerpts from which are printed elsewhere on this page, was drawn up by members of the fraternities at the request of the University. It was accepted, after slight modification, by the Senate and returned to the individual houses for approval. Since the fraternities, as they exist now, are private clubs not officially recognized by McGill, they have the legal right to reject it. Their verdict will be known in a number of days.

Basically, the code serves two purposes. One, it officially recognizes the fraternities as McGill organizations; and two, it allows the University authorities to discipline them, such. The machinery for discipline can be roughly compared to that which now exists between the Senate and the Students' Society, the existing Inter-Fraternity council being the counterpart of the SEC.

This move by the University was not unexpected, nor unparalleled in the past. It was undoubtedly felt that the fraternities were not capable of handling their activities in a manner which is consistent with the ideals of this University. Further, it was probably decided that, on their own, the fraternities could never achieve nor enforce a pattern of behaviour that would be acceptable to the authorities concerned. This is not to say that the act was justified. Rather, it calls for a closer examination of the factors concerned.

McGill is a private institution. Ultimately, the authority of its Senate and Board of Gov-

erners over all phases of University life is supreme. They hold certain prejudices concerning the activity of their student body, and, through decisions in the past, they have made these clear.

McGill upperclassmen used to make a practice of hazing freshmen less than a decade ago. This was an integral part of the freshman reception program. It was discontinued because the student body, by committing certain acts, deviated from the arbitrary rules of conduct set by the authorities. This same sequence occurred in the case of the torch light parades during pep-rallies. The students were inclined to become a public nuisance when these parades were held through the city streets. These too have become extinct. The same series of events is occurring in the question of fraternities.

In all three cases the University's decision was not to discipline specific individuals, but to punish the student body as a whole. The former choice seems the fairer of the two, and is certainly equally potent. However, the authorities have chosen the other medium and there is no alternative but to accept. However, acceptance in principle is not enough. It is necessary that students conduct themselves accordingly, or run the risk of losing more of their liberties.

It is conceivable that the fraternities may have avoided this head-on clash with the University, had they taken specific steps to punish non-conforming individuals on their own. They did not. This is the consequence.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR FRATERNITIES

PREAMBLE

Realizing that fraternities differ in some fundamental ways from other clubs on its campus, and wishing to establish the appropriate chains of responsibility for an adequate standard of good behaviour in these fraternities, McGill University requires every fraternity on the campus to conform to the following code.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Each and every fraternity at McGill University is responsible through the Inter-Fraternity Council to Senate for its own good behaviour.

To the end that this responsibility may be more clearly defined, the following definitions and rules, proposed by representatives of the Inter-Fraternity Council, have been approved and enacted by the Senate. It is to be understood, however, that each house is responsible for its own good behaviour at all time and that this responsibility is in no way limited by these definitions and rules.

OPEN PARTIES are not permitted in any fraternity house during the academic session or during the Christmas holidays, except by special permission.

With the exception of rushing parties and of parties held in conjunction with major functions of the Students' Society, the number of mixed parties, closed or semi-closed, in any fraternity is limited to four per session.

Alcoholic beverages may not be carried out of the fraternity house at any time.

The Executive of the individual fraternity concerned is held responsible for any disturbance of the peace or inconvenience to the general public arising from any fraternity gathering.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

At organized parties beer and wine may be served and sold provided the fraternity in which the party is held obtains a banquet licence. Spirits belonging to members may be served to guests in

fraternities, but may not be sold to members or to guests in any fraternity at any time.

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS

All applications for parties other than those sanctioned above must be made in writing to the Inter-Fraternity Council which, if it endorses an application, must forward it to the Secretary of the Senate Committee not later than one week before the date of the proposed party.

The circumstances that led to the enactment of this Code were such that the Code is, of necessity, largely prohibitive or restrictive in its nature. The Senate, however, wishes to assure the fraternity that it hopes there may be useful and friendly co-operation between them and the University, and that the Senate Committee will be glad to help the Inter-Fraternity Council and the separate fraternities in achieving the objects they and the University must have in common.

Letters to the Editor
I'm Through

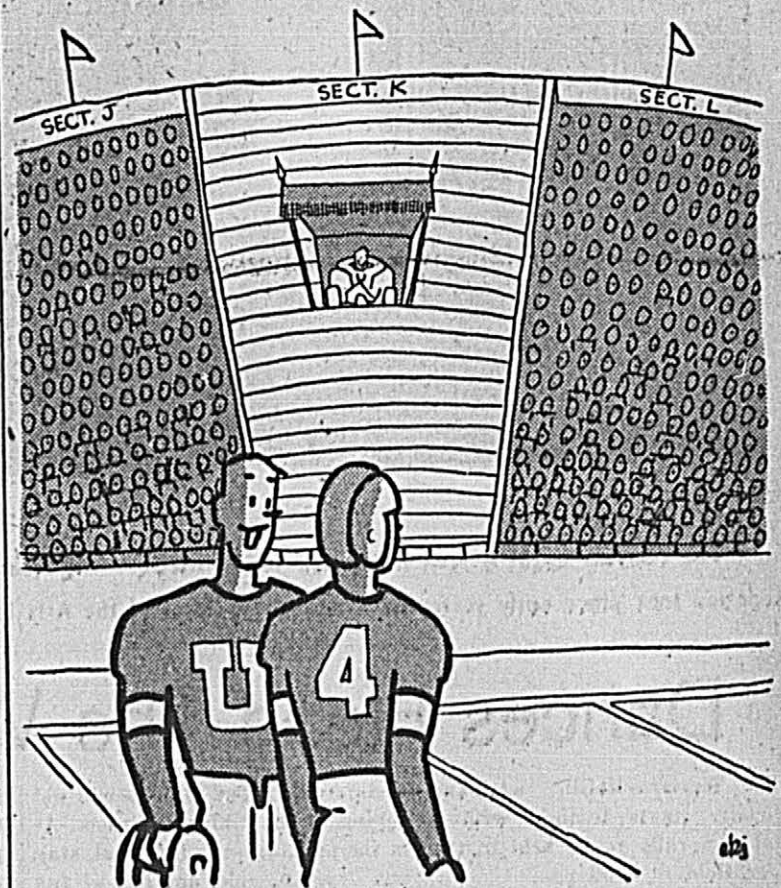
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GEOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTAL HARE TELLS EDUCATORS

by H. Don Allen

The study of geography is "absolutely fundamental to the education of the civilized man", according to Geography Department chairman F. Kenneth Hare, who discussed current attitudes on the teaching of the subject and reviewed the history of the McGill Geography Department in an address to Quebec educators yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at the 91st annual convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of Quebec, Professor Hare noted that the McGill Department marked its tenth anniversary this month, building upon a three-fold program devoted to teaching and research.

The truly educated man "must know something of the external world" in which he is to live, Dr. Hare declared.

Five thousand students have enrolled in general undergraduate geography courses of three types in the past decade. "Systematic" courses, which approached Geography through teaching the subject by "principles", proved most popular. Cartographic courses have been designed for each of the four undergraduate years. "Regional" courses, though of restricted appeal, have served to round off the program.

In addition, "quite an army" of advanced, honours and graduate students have swelled Geography Department ranks. McGill is noted as a centre of Arctic and Sub-Arctic studies. Such research has taken McGill students and staff

through Canada's North, Alaska, Greenland and Northern Europe.

McGill teaching lays heavy stress on physical geography which, the Department feels, offers the only sound foundation for study of the subject. Exploration in the North involves the completion of basic scientific surveys.

McGill-trained geographers have gained employment in government departments, schools and private business houses across Canada and the United States and in Australia, India and Great Britain, Dr. Hare notes.

The Geography Department marks the tenth anniversary of its first lecture next Tuesday.

COMMERCE BY-ELECTION

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Vice-President of the Commerce Undergraduate Society.

Nominees must be regular undergraduates in their third year of Commerce.

Nominations for this executive position must be signed by at least 20 members of the C. U. S. and submitted in writing to George in the Tuckshop before 12 noon, Wednesday, October 12. Each nomination must be accepted and signed by the nominee.

Elections will be held on October 19, 1955.

Les Tisshaw
President, C. U. S.

McGill Backdrops CBC Commercial

Redpath Library, a Chevrolet Corvette, and four lovely local models will comprise the back-drop for a television commercial on Oct. 23rd.

Films were taken on campus yesterday by Mr. H. Champaigne, the Radio and TV Director of the Vickers and Benson Advertising Agency, with the permission of Dr. F. Cyril James, Principal.

The advertisement is for Dupont Orlon Sweaters and will appear on CBC TV's "Father Knows Best", starring Robert Young. McGill, therefore, will once again be seen on TV, with the network broadcasting from Montreal to Vancouver.

coming events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

UN CLUB: There will be an executive meeting of the Club at 1:00 p.m. in the Union Board Room. All members of the Executive are requested to attend this important meeting.

NISEI CAMPUS CLUB: There will be a meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the salon of the Union. All members please attend.

HONORS PHYSICS-PHYSIOLOGY SOCIETY: There will be a crucially important meeting of the Society's second year students at 1:00 p.m. in the Union pool room. A complete second year executive has to be elected, consequently it is essential that all students attend. There will be a welcome address by the acting Chairwoman.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

NEWMAN CLUB: There will be an open house after the football game.

Women Needed For Volunteer Work

Once again the Women's Union is sponsoring a Volunteer Hospital Service open to all women students at McGill. The Royal Victoria Hospital requires volunteers for work in the canteens, clinics, and wards. Typists are also in demand. The children's memorial is looking for girls who are interested in baby-sitting, tutoring, typing, doing clerical and clinical work, or acting as play leaders on the wards.

Volunteer work would require from two to three hours per week of a person's time, either in the morning, afternoon, or evening. For further information please contact Pat Gardner at R. V. C. (W424) or phone PL. 0526.

LOST

A green leather wallet with the initials J.T. on the back has been lost in room 300 of the Engineering Building. Will the finder please contact Janet Turnbull at PL. 0597.

Gold Jewish Star. If found please contact Carol Blitstein, RE. 7-1085.

In the Arts Building at about 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the following books: Elementary Math by Tate, Petrie Latin Reader, Latin Prose and Composition, Othello, and Knock. Finder contact Andy Yathe at Pointe Claire 6986 or hand in to Janitor.



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BIBLES, BLINDFOLDS

Rituals and ceremonies play an necessary part in fraternity life. They strengthen fraternity bonds and are an important aspect of fraternity spirit. This article is intended to explain some of these rituals to the non-fraternity member . . .

The first official ceremony a new member is likely to encounter is called "pledging". It involves secrecy vows and various recitations along with such odds and ends as candles, torches, robes, blindfolds, Bibles and incense.

Several weeks after pledging comes initiation. The formal initiation ceremony that follows the annual week of hijinks is similar to the pledging ceremony only it's much more complex. It includes mottos and oaths as well as pledges and vows. It also takes a long time, about six or seven hours. (Pledging takes a mere two or three.) Initiation is meant to be taken very seriously and most of the promises are recited individually. The whole affair tends to drag. If you join a fraternity plan to miss this ceremony — it's extremely dull.

It can also be dangerous as some fraternities brand their members à la western movies. Can't you picture the scene — luminous brands, leering actives, the smell of burning flesh. Exactly where the brand is indelibly burned into the skin is not known. In an effort to clear up this mystery the assistance of several co-eds was sought. Unfortunately they failed dismally. Perhaps their modesty handicapped them. Who knows?

As well as annual ceremonies all fraternities have any number of unusual customs. One of these shows up when brother writes brother. He doesn't sign the letter Love, Yours sincerely, or anything commonplace. He uses a special fraternity closing that might make reference to talcum powder, a sphinx, or ferrous oxide.

Another unusual custom is that of the secret handshake. What renders this idea amusing is the fact that most of the fraternities on campus unknowingly use the same one.

A Daily Forum

THE FRAT

With this issue the Daily has attempted to present both sides of a problem which has, in the light of recent developments, become quite vital to the University. We feel that, in presenting both sides of the question, we can assist those of our readers who may be a bit vague about the facts involved.

Our position, rather than being one of sitting on a fence, is one of acting as moderator between the opposing factions and attempting to sort out the more pertinent arguments.

Too Important a Decision For Unnecessary Haste

Next week freshmen will be faced with a very important decision. A decision which will affect the whole of their career at McGill: whether or not to join a fraternity.

A factor which will cloud thinking on this question is the matter of fraternity discrimination. The prevailing opinion is that restrictive clauses governing fraternity membership are great evils.

We do not see how this can possibly be so.

Who Shall Belong

Fraternities are private societies, formed so that people of similar tastes and background can be together for social reasons. They are not supported by the university, but by members and are private institutions with a perfect right to say who shall belong and under what conditions they shall belong. No one would suggest that the McGill Faculty Club is vicious because it does not permit travelling salesman to become members.

Discrimination is an integral part of the fraternity system. There are many areas of campus life where people of widely varied backgrounds meet on an open and equal basis. The whole purpose of a fraternity is to provide a corner on campus where everyone is the same. There is something comforting and effortless about such a group which many people find agreeable.

Fog-Horn Bellow

It is not valid to attack fraternities even on the basis that they have blanket discrimination against whole sections of the population. Many of them do not have such inflexible clauses, but even if all of them did, the fraternities would still be within their rights. We have heard no hue and cry to have Hillel House accept Christian members or for the Varsity Christian Fellowship to vote in a Moslem president or for the Choral

Society to sign up a student with a fog-horn bellow instead of a voice. And there is no reason why they should, they were formed, as were fraternities so that people with certain things in common could get together.

We feel that Freshmen definitely should not ignore rushing bids on the basis that fraternity discrimination is morally bad or vicious.

But Freshmen should consider whether or not they wish to spend a major portion of their recreation time at university in a society that restricts their contact and understanding with different and varying people. For many people university is the only opportunity in their life to make firm friendships which cut across racial, religious and economic boundaries.

Value of the Different

We think that one of the most important things the university has to give her students is this contact with and understanding of people, values and ideas different from our own, whatever our own may be. And the fraternities tend to defeat, for their members, this function of the university.

Freshmen should also consider the responsibility to a fraternity they would bear as members. Fraternities have standards and they have the right to insist that members conform to their standards. A member should wear clothes that are agreeable to his brothers, date girls that his brothers approve of and indulge in the activities that might bring glory to his fraternity. He is required to spend a large part of his time in the company of his brothers and in working on fraternity projects. Fraternities have a right to insist on these things.

Freshmen must decide whether or not they want the four years of their university life organized on such a

basis. They must decide whether it is not more valuable for the individual to develop his own set of values than to have a set handed to him. They must decide whether they want to have experience with only their own type of person or whether they would be gaining more by associating with a diverse group. They must decide between a broad outlook on life and a comfortable, but narrow one.

Look Around First

And is it possible, with only a few weeks of university experience, with no basis of comparison with the rest of campus life to make an intelligent commitment at this time? Or would it be wiser to spend a year on campus with no binding affiliations, have a good look round, and learn the potential of the university community. Then at the beginning of second year, with three full years of campus life still ahead it should be possible to make an intelligent decision either to join a fraternity or remain independent.

A Case For

Initiation ceremonies and rituals are a necessary and very rewarding facet of fraternity life. They play an important part in creating a group feeling in the fraternity.

When new brothers come into the house in the fall, they are just another bunch of freshmen. They usually do not know each other at all, nor do they know the older brothers well. During rushing they can only become really well acquainted with a few of the members; there is not time for them to talk at length with all of

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Since we have presented this issue for whatever information value that it might have, and not to agitate; we do not feel that we are able to carry in succeeding issues long discussions on the specific arguments mentioned.

In short, this is a "One-shot" issue, presented for information value, and not to stir up controversy.

Ed.

The Fraternity May Be an Enriching Experience

The following in no way represents the official views of the Inter-Fraternity Council or of any particular Fraternity on the campus. The opinions expressed are my own as a typical fraternity man — proud of the opportunity which I have had, and the cause which I have served.

The average human being needs the association of friends on whom he may always count for support. This is not a new conception; it is as old as man's instinctive action to gather in groups for mutual protection. It is reinforced by the demands and requisites, the confusion and misunderstanding of rapidly changing social notions.

North American men and women of university age, probably more than any other group alive, need a very strong and cohesive group of friends. As I see it, the reasons for this need are as follows: Democracy is only just beginning to be understood by an inquiring mind capable of believing anything, but for the most part unable to comprehend the consequences. For better or for worse, the social structure has come to depend upon a maintenance of distinction between the leaders and the led; And in the transition between adolescence and manhood or womanhood, so many doubts and false convictions arise that a youngster feels the need to belong very closely to a person or persons in order that he may benefit from the experience of others. It is very rarely in our society that the family institution fully fills this need.

What then is left?

Most young people turn to others of approximately their own type and environment and form friendships — some deep and lasting, others not so. But the object, conscious or unrecognized, of choosing friends is — to learn!

We must accept the fact that learning is not always pleasant, for there are many unpleasant conceptions vital to a full life that must be understood and mastered.

One of the easiest and one of the best methods of making friends at this crucial age, is the college fraternity. I would now like to define this often-spoken-of term. What is it? What do they stand for, and why are they being justified today?

It is a popular misconception among university students (even those belonging to fraternities) that the fraternity people are the haves — the powerful of today's society, whereas the non-fraternity individuals are the have-nots and the weak. The problem is essentially then, one of misunderstanding; for there are many who by choice alone, feel no desire to partake of that which these Brotherhoods offer; and many who are willing to sacrifice much time and effort on their own part, who work far harder than most, in order that they may enjoy its benefits.

It is of prime necessity where misunderstanding occurs that both

or Initiation

the chapter. They are fifteen or twenty separate individuals and it takes the initiation ceremonies to integrate them, to make them feel like a close-knit group of friends.

By learning the songs and fraternity history, by being made to work together around the house, by all the things that they go through together in the time before they are actually formally initiated, freshmen are made to feel a part of the group. They have a chance to get to know

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groups do their level best to eliminate the barrier of misrepresentation which is hand in hand with a far greater evil . . . prejudice.

Fortunately, most parts of the world are slowly doing away with these false ideals. It is an extremely difficult, indeed painful job; and much remains to be done. The fact that it is going on is, after all, one blessing.

What do fraternities stand for? Some say "Self-preservation in activities", some speak of Saturday night parties, some "drinking", some "abuse", "vandalism" and a host of other unpleasanties.

Actually, the fraternity is an association of men with common likes or interests, on one or many planes of thought, who by dint of social similarities, through good fellowship and mutual regard may assert their rights to individuality and the pursuit of happiness.

Such a noble conception is difficult, if not impossible, to achieve fully, in a large, differentiated, and heterogeneous society. Perfection is always a little difficult.

Practically and simply, the fraternity acts as a training zone between the closely integrated world of adolescence and manhood.

By virtue of strong ties of fellowship to a relatively large group of close friends, a sense of responsibility to a group of his own choosing is imbedded in the young mind. After a certain period of time (depending on the individual) his affection is easily transferred to other groups, thus making of the man, a better man and a more responsible citizen than he might perhaps otherwise be. The initiate is taught how to live with his fellow-man. In close contact with him daily, he learns to sacrifice none of

his ideals (as in a mob); but to reconcile them under the firm but patient leadership of fellows; who, having gone through the process before, so recently, are inclined to be more sympathetic and more understanding of the problems. Often, this counsel is more successful than the advice of an elder, for it is like a voice from within.

I wish that everyone could go through the experience of an initiate in the fraternity when he becomes a "brother". He is usually taught that fraternities may be noble or base depending upon the individuals associated. He is made to realize that a fraternity may be a drain on one's time, or the extra incentive to make a success. He is shown that for fraternities to be a success, the individual responsibility to the university is uppermost. He is admonished never to exclude his non-fraternity friends and acquaintances, but to treat them as he would be treated. He is taught how to uphold Christian principles of living in both his personal and public life. In short, his creed supports all that we and our civilization consider worthy of maintenance; and the vehicle of this lofty ideal is one that appeals to all — a friendly spirit and good fellowship. It costs nothing and it lasts.

And now we come to the last question; why are these words being written?

We are on trial — tacitly, to be sure, but nonetheless we feel obligated to answer criticisms directed at us from an ever-increasing body of people who understand very little of the true nature of fraternal associations of this type.

I could recount the various mat-

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IS 2nd YEAR RUSHING FEASIBLE ?

NO

YES

A frequent topic of discussion in fraternities is the proposal that freshmen be given a year on the campus to get their bearings, meet people, etc., before they are subjected to the strain of rushing. As is often the case with such theoretical discussions, the ideal is carried around on a golden platter to the extent that it is very widely convincing.

When we get down to reality, a few facts come to light. In the first place, a fraternity is a financial organization which must

have a certain membership to cover its expenses. Were all the students to join in second year, their period of time as active members would be shortened by 25 per cent and the financial loss in this case is rather obvious.

The fraternity, in fact, will find it difficult to survive with this financial handicap. The men's fraternities can almost be considered as residences. They have a kitchen to support, fuel bills to pay, and must provide for rent or property taxes.

The second and more important consideration is that fraternities have to be organized. Their houses have to be managed by members who have had experience but who are not yet seniors. Houses have officer elections in January for organizational reasons.

Many feel that fraternities provide their most important function — that of molding a latent character, on a less experienced and younger individual. By this it is not meant that a type specimen will be produced. Rather, that a middle ground between youth and adulthood will be suitably provided for.

These are concrete considerations. There are other arguments, but are matters of personal opinion, either pro or con. They will always be debated. There is no need to add here to the major points.

The rushing of first year students by fraternities is detrimental to the student and to the fraternity. It deprives both of the chance to make mature, and, what is more important, considered decisions.

If rushing were held in second year the student would be more mature and more capable of making an intelligent decision about fraternities. He would be more aware of the obligations a fraternity man takes on, less likely to be falsely impressed by high pressure rushing and also less likely to neglect his studies in the excitement. He would not be forced to choose his fraternity on the basis of a two week acquaintance with a group who are obviously on their best behavior.

Second year rushing would protect the fraternities as well as the prospective rushees. They would know more about the students they are bidding. They would be less likely to bid students who are going to fail academically or who would turn against the fraternity later on.

Some argue that first year rushing is necessary for reasons of finance and indoctrination. However, second year rushing is carried out very successfully on many other campuses. Although the first year after the change took place would be hard, it could be done at McGill as well.



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WILL MEET MUSTANGS AND WILLIE CASANOVA

by Irwin Sankoff

Local football enthusiasts, and others, will get their first chance of the season to see this year's edition of the McGill Redmen in action this Saturday afternoon at Molson Stadium. The visitors on this worthy occasion will be the Western Mustangs.

The Mustangs, who were foiled in their quest for a tenth championship last season when Toronto beat them 9-8 in their own backyard, come this way with eighteen holdovers from last year's squad. Headlining this formidable array of gridiron talent are quarterback John Gilvin, halfback Bill Britton and fullbacks Dale Creighton and Ralph Simmons.

Simmons is the chap who ran roughshod through, and over the Redmen in last year's two disastrous contests with the Purple and White. In addition, he was the league's top ground-gainer.

On the line, the Mustangs have two of the finest tackles in the Intercollegiate league in the persons of Ted Roman and this year's team captain, Ted Collins. Don McGee is back for another fling as centre, and Bill Turchan of last season's squad is back at his guard position.

Glue-fingered, six-foot Don Killinger, along with Al Gleason, Bob Labbett and Bruce Thomas will all be back with the Metrasmen playing end. As has been the case for the last fifteen years, Johnny Metras is back handling the coaching chores.

Two people who have been consistent thorns in the side of the Redmen for the past couple of years, Don Getty and Gino Fracas, are no longer with the team as they have graduated. Yes dear kiddies, the football players graduate at Western too, and we hear that it breaks their dear little hearts to let them go.

Even so, the Mustangs have plucked two new backfielders from somewhere to fill the gap in their famed Diamond-T offensive. Willie Casanova, no relation to the great lover, is supposed to be the greatest thing on a football field since Toronto got its tarpaulin. Casanova is able to run, pass, punt, and kick converts and field goals. Willie also had a fling in pro baseball with the New York Yankee chain. For those that haven't time to read anything but the Daily, we will take this opportunity to tell you "dat de Yanks is dead."

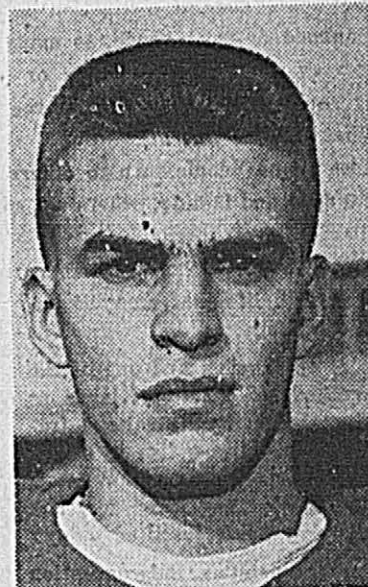
Doug Aitchison, a 200-pounder who can play either half or fullback, is the other new backfield whiz.

As far as the Redmen are concerned, the emphasis during practices was put on the pass defense. Last week the Redmen's prime

fault was their failure to rush the quarterback; and as a consequence Gus Braccia had enough time to read his favorite paper (the Daily, but natch!) before throwing to his receivers.

Larry Sullivan, McGill coach, announced that Buster Brown would be dressed, and would see action against the Mustangs. Brown hurt his hand in an early practice, and there was also a question of his eligibility, but apparently both hand and eligibility have been cleared up and so he'll be in there to bolster the Redmen front wall.

Post-mortems: Queen's look like the team to beat in the league this year... Strange how Gus Braccia, ex-Temple University star who was cut by the Big Four Ottawa Roughriders, just "Happen-



A KEY MAN in coach Larry Sullivan's offensive plans is Johnny Bennett. Bennett was a star halfback for Darcy McGee before joining the Redmen and has seen action both at end and in the backfield for McGill.

ed" to "enter" Queen's four days before the football season... McGill had scouted Queen's in their exhibition games and saw no one throwing passes, consequently Larry Sullivan designed his defence to stop a ground attack. Along came Braccia, and you know the rest... Western will probably fill the air with footballs come Saturday... Amusing to see that Western and its nearly invincible team got clobbered 20-2 right in Little Memorial Stadium by Toronto... It's been many long years since Western got trounced that badly at home.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

All games scheduled for Thursday must be completed today. Please check the draw sheet at McIntyre Court for time and place of match.

The scheduled matches for Tuesday will appear in the McGill Daily Tuesday morning and will be posted at the McIntyre Courts.

All officials for Touch Football and Fastball Leagues must report to the Lecture Room in the Gymnasium today at 1:00 pm.

Entries for Touch Football and Fastball

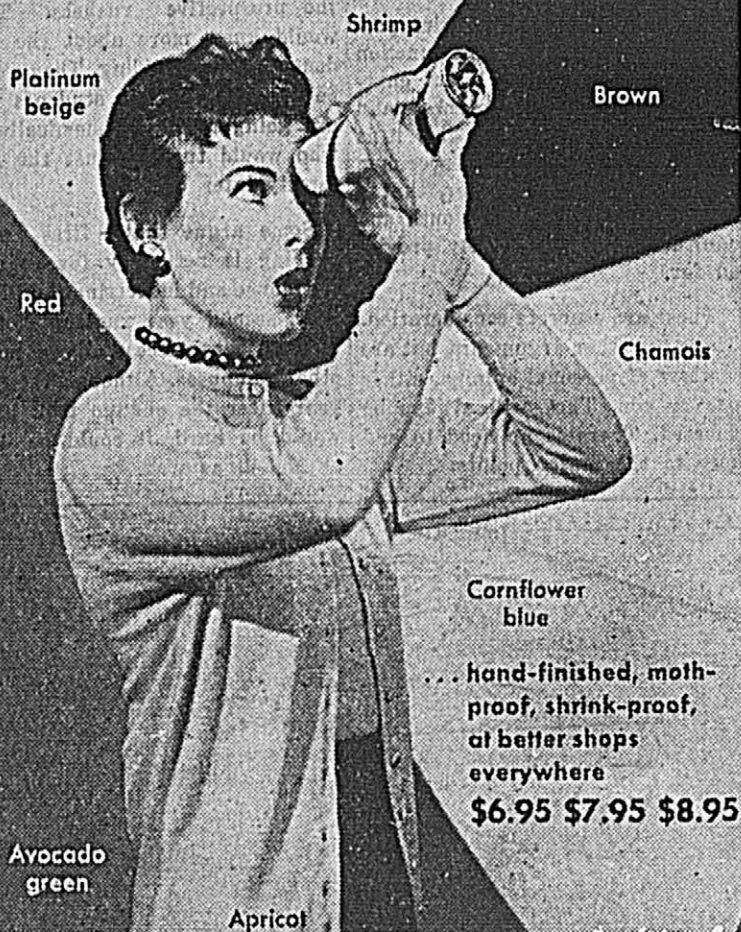
must be turned in to the Intramural Office not later than noon on Tuesday, October 11th. Leagues will commence on Monday, October 17th. All entries must be signed by Faculty or class representatives and on the proper Intramural forms.

Entries for Squash, Handball, Table Tennis and Badminton tournaments may be made at the Intramural Office daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. A minimum entry fee will be charged which will be returned at the close of each Tournament provided you do not forfeit your match.

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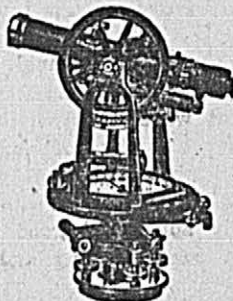
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Football Profile

by George Rosenberg

The lights had just flooded the Molson stadium turf and the football Indians were running through some final plays before giving up the field to the senior Redmen. This was to be the Redmen's second to last practice before they encountered Western University in their local debut, and their second tussle of the season.

The night was chilly and the dampness in the air seemed to penetrate right through the marrow. You could not help but admire those hardy souls with the cleats and the leather-padded shoulders who think nothing of having their cold fingers mashed under opposing cleats, and who revel in fierce body contact in near freezing temperature. And it made you wonder as you saw the Redmen streaming out of the field-house, bubbling with enthusiasm, eager to toss around the oval pigskin. It made you wonder what it was that made students so ardent and so spirited to go out and spend a long grueling evening under the cold dark skies drilling, drilling and drilling. It made you wonder all the more when you realized that in most cases their staying in school did not depend on how they performed on the gridiron, as is the case in many other colleges; and that they comprised a team, which at best, had an extremely slim chance for the championship, and at worst, could end up in the cellar of the league as they did last year.

But you soon got your answer. You got it as soon as Dick Carr, the highly touted, ex-Columbia quarter-back came clattering out of the dressing room. You began talking to him, and immediately got the impression of his being a cut apart from the popular "big and dumb" conception of a football player. He spoke intelligently, and with ease, and modesty.

You inevitably asked him to compare U.S. college football to the Canadian brand. He smiled, and with an easy shrug replied, "I never had so much fun playing football. It is not nearly as precise and streamlined as in the States. Here, they don't tell you where to place your foot every minute you're on the field, and that's why it's so much more fun, and so much more enjoyable."

This, mind you, came from a player who called signals for Lou Little for three years, two of them as first string; a player who broke a Columbia record for most yards-gained-passing in one game; a player who came to the Ivy League school via Beverley High, Beverly, Mass., and an athletic scholarship; and a player who made lasting friendships with two members of the team, Bill Swiacki and Lou Kusserow, the former, a coach, and the latter one of the stars of the professional Big Four.

When you asked him which type of game he preferred, as far as the different type of rules were concerned, he said that he found the Canuck game a trifle more limiting, but he was sure that it would not take him too long to get acclimatized to the Canadian brand.

By this time the rest of the team was on the field, ready in a big circle for their calisthenics, and Dick Carr, McGill quarter-back, asked to be excused. He did not want to miss the exercises. It was, like all football part of what he termed "fun".

Later on you bumped into one Bob Hutchison, a fourth year Arts student; flying wing for the Indians for one year, and half back for the Redmen for the past three. He is a homebred boy, and graduated of that school which has turned out so many young footballers, L.C.C.

He echoed Carr's words, he too, has fun; he too is enjoying himself; he, moreover was quite confident that the Redmen would beat Western come Saturday. "It's now or never," he uttered determinedly.

NEW REDMEN SONG

What college football game would be complete without the almost sacred ritual of the singing and playing of traditional football songs. McGill because of its lack of feminine pep stimulation (alias cheerleaderettes), has an insatiable need for these songs. Therefore it is always a welcome proposition to publish a new song when such a one is created.

The following song will be introduced to the spectators at this Saturday's game by the renowned McGill Band. The band will form a large "M" and then play the tune which was written by Rusty Davis. It will be only fitting that the entire student body, which will undoubtedly attend the game, should join in the singing of the words composed by Roy Wolvin.

Redmen — get ahead men,
Get ahead, and Redmen,
Keep ahead, men.
Redmen — keep ahead men
Keep ahead, and Redmen —

Knock 'em dead, men.
Fight and hold 'em tight;
Fight and drive 'em right
Straight out of sight — right!
Redmen — keep ahead men
'Till they're torn, men,
To a shred, men.
Rock 'em! Knock 'em!
Down again —
And show you're born and
Bred Redmen.

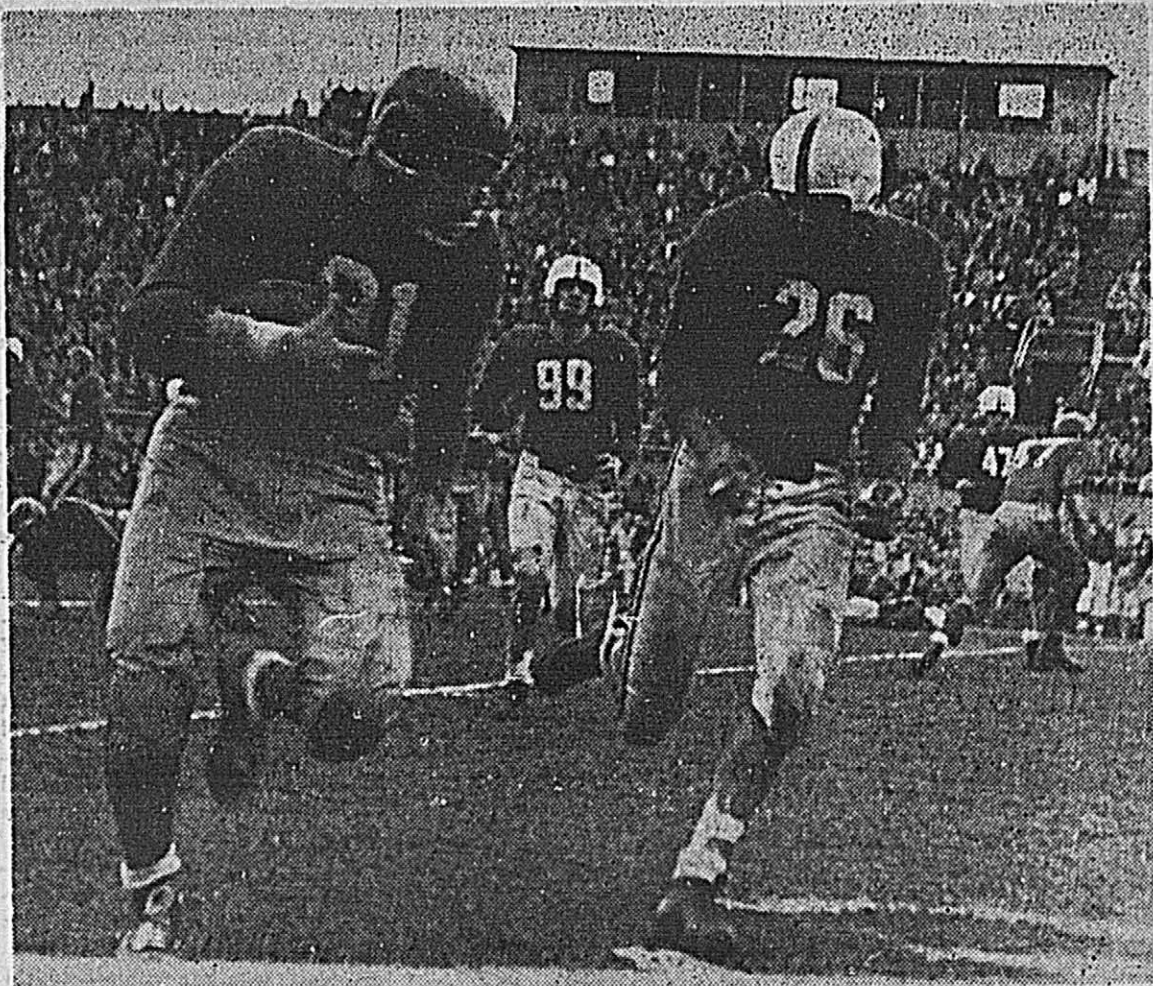
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THAT'S BOB HUTCHISON, captain of the McGill football team moving in for the tackle in a game last year. Bob scored two touchdowns for the Redmen against Queens last Saturday and is a key man on defence as well. He'll be at his regular halfback spot against Western tomorrow.

BUSTER BROWN TO FACE MUSTANGS BOLSTERS POWERFUL LINE

The big news on the Redmen line this week is that Buster Brown will be at one of the guard positions. Brown was an all-Canadian guard for the Hamilton Tiger Cats several years ago, and there is no doubt that his presence in the McGill lineup will give the Redmen a great lift. Buster will be playing with his hand in a cast but this is not causing much concern in the Redmen camp. People seem more worried about what will happen to a Western player if he happens to get hit with the cast.

Centre Ron Murphy who came to McGill from Hamilton has already developed a reputation as one of the most vicious tacklers in the league. According to reports sent back from the West Coast where the Redmen played UBC, Murphy will not be forgot-

INTER FOOTBALL

Undismayed by a heavy downpour and a muddy field, the Verdun Shamcats made the McGill Indians' 1955-56 debut an unsuccessful one by defeating them 12-0 last night at Molson's Stadium.

The Shamcats opened the scoring in the second half when Bowman caught a McGill punt on the latter's forty yard line and carried it all the way. In the third quarter, Phil Kenney swept the ball around left end from the twenty and scooted across the goal line.

Although they brandished a strong defense, the Indians' scoring punch left something to be desired.

ten in those parts for some time to come, especially by the unfortunate few who had themselves dismembered by his boneshaking tackles.

Several big strong tackles are one of Sullivan's main assets this year. Playing out of the 'Middle' position are Art McKabe who tips the scales at 250 lbs.; former rookie of the year Earl Merling who weighs a mere 235 lbs; and Rae Brown who comes in at 225.

At the guard position are veterans Des Desimone, Bert Bertrand and John Cronin. This gives Sullivan an experienced trio to play along side Buster Brown at the vital inside position.

This is the strongest line McGill has had in many years and from all indicates will be one of the best in the league.

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FRATERNITIES MAY BE . . .
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erial services which fraternities provide for the university community. Places of reasonably priced lodging; inexpensive, well-balanced meals; a place of intimacy conducive to wholesome planning of student activity and spirits; and the growing tendency of fraternities to make themselves useful as members of a community in public movements such as charity and miscellaneous public service work. All, in some measure, are reason for existence.

But I would like to place my

main argument on the preceding information about the nature and purpose of these organizations.

It is always difficult for any organizational structure, just as it is for an individual, to be absolutely perfect.

We all accept the fact that most sin is caused by infringement on the inherent rights of an innocent or unsuspecting party. In the last eighteen months, a few harmful incidents were caused by a small handful of imperfect human beings. Through the admitted thoughtlessness and lack of common sense of a very few, grave shadows

have been cast on a group many times as large as the number of actual offenders. As a result, the larger number of individuals is being penalized.

It is, to my mind, regrettable that the cardinal principle of punishing only the guilty could not have been followed in this case. It is like cutting down a forest for the sake of one diseased tree. It does not necessarily follow that the whole must be forfeit for a part.

There are, in the rules and regulation of student behavior, adequate measures of dealing with offenses; either by an individual or a group. Official recognition is not the only way to get at the offenders.

Was it mandatory to assume that fraternities only, were responsible for the bad behavior of an otherwise respectable individual? Why don't the parents get blamed; why not the pre-school years; why not the athletics department for holding football games which excite over-emotive response?

Neither do I presume that fraternities were completely exonerable from blame. Here again though, we have a group of individuals who are subject to the same rules as other students. We are not asking for a carte blanche to run wild. We have, however, the right to be judged individually and the right, should we wish to take advantage of it, of appeal to unbiased authority.

In the same breath, we assert our rights to govern our actions as a group by the standards set for us, in some cases, hundreds of years ago.

These things are, by their nature, inviolable.

CASE FOR INITIATION . . .

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each other and they share the same experience with the other freshmen and the older brothers. They are likely to form friendships which will last them all the rest of their university careers.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE CHANGE OF COURSE

Students wishing to change a course for which they are registered, must do so by completing the appropriate "Change of Course" forms available in the assistant Dean's office, room 140, arts building.

These forms (three) must be completed and turned in by the student who should call back within two days to receive his signed copy if the change is approved.

Merely turning in the forms does not constitute authority for the change and it is the student's responsibility to ascertain that the change has been approved.

The deadline for changing courses is 12 o'clock noon Saturday, October 15th and no requests whatsoever will be considered after this date.

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In charge of the organization and also teaching is Alex Bhanos, 3rd year Commerce student and ex-Arthur Murray dance instructor himself, who introduced dance instruction to students two years ago at McGill.

Ballroom Available

The McGill Union will sponsor the classes and has made available the use of a spacious

ballroom with centrally controlled, hi-fi music system introduced this year by the president, Leslie Jonas.

Miss Murray has planned out a special program for co-eds in South-American dances, and has stated that although the course will suit beginners; knowing already how to dance will be an asset. It is believed that the Red and White Revue could use a full group of girls trained in these latin dances.

Registration, which is expected to reach a new peak this year, is already in full swing. Forms are available at RVC, the Nurse's Home, the Union, Gym, women's and men's locked room attendants, Wilson and Douglas Hall residences, and the Arts and Engineering Buildings.



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